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[COMMISSION<sup>1</sup> TO SIR WILLIAM JONES, &C., TO EXAMINE INTO  
THE STATE OF VIRGINIA, MAY 9, 1624.]

James by the Grace of God of England Scotland France  
and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To our trusty  
and well Beloved Sir William Jones Kn't one of our justices  
of our Court of Common Pleas Sir Nicholas Fortescue Sir  
Francis Goston Knight Sir Richard Sutton Knight Sir Wil-  
liam Pitt Knight Sir Henry Beurthier Knight and Sir Henry  
Spiller Knight Greeting Whereas amongst the many memora-  
ble works Undertaken since our happy Reign over this our

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<sup>1</sup> Before the date of this commission the King had determined to de-  
prive the Virginia Company of its charter, and the real purpose, like  
that which sent Harvey and others to Virginia, was to obtain plausible  
reasons for the act he had made up his mind to perform. This com-  
mission sat until after the dissolution of the Company.

Realm those of the English Colonies and Plantations in Virginia and the Summer Islands are of Special Importance as being the first foreign Colonies planted by Our English Nation and tending not only to the propagation of God's Glory and the Christian Religion but also to the Enlargement of the Territories and dominions of our Crown and the Encrease of Trade and Commerce whereby our people and Subjects may be enriched and therefore we being graciously inclined to so Glorious and Publick a Work have from time to time and upon all Occasions Vouchsafed our Gracious and Royal Assistance in the furtherance and Encouragement thereof not only by granting unto the Adventurers and Planters thereof Large Charters and Ample Privileges but Enabling them to raise great Sums of Money towards the undergoing of the necessary Charges of the said Plantations And now being advertised as well by the Humble petition of some of the Adventurers themselves As otherwise that as well by Occasion of Discord and Discontentment among themselves as of Sundry misgovernments and other Disturbances and Impediment the prosperous and happy proceeding and growth of that Work hath been and is daily more and more like to be interrupted unless we in our princely Providence shall put a Remedy thereunto. We therefore upon Deliberate Consideration hereof are constantly resolved to follow our former purpose and by all good means to Express the Continuance of our Zeal and Affection in Restoring and Setling that so Glorious a Work whereof God hath been pleased to make us a principal Instrument and to take away all obstacles and hinderances that may any way seem to disturb or cross the Quiet and peaceable proceeding in the same for the better Effecting of which our resolution we hold it most fitt that some persons of trust and Understanding be Employed to Discern discover and find out the whole state of the Premisses upon whose information we may proceed to the effecting thereof as we shall judge most requisite whereby the Work being Reestablished may proceed and prosper to our honour and those Religious and Publick Ends for which it was first Indended. Know ye therefore that we

reposing Assured Trust and Confidence in the Approved Wisdoms Fidelities and Certain [blank] of you the said Sir William Jones Sir Nicholas Fortescue Sir Francis Goston Sir Richard Sutton Sir William Pitt Sir William Bouchier and Sir Henry Spiller have have assigned and appointed you to be our Commissioners. And we do hereby give unto you or any four or more of You full power and Authority to View peruse and Consider of all and Singular Charters Letters Patents Proclamations Commissions and all other Acts orders and Directions made and set down by Us or our Privy Council or by the Company or Council for Virginia Warrants Records Books Accompts Entries and other Notes and Writing whatsoever Concerning the said Colonies or Plantations or concerning the several Companies or Corporation to whom the Care of the said Colonies or Plantations appertaineth and as well thereby as by Examination of every Witness or Witnesses upon Oath or without Oath or by any other lawfull Ways or means whatsoever to Enquire Discover find out and inform your Selves whether the said Charters Letters Patents Proclamations Acts Orders and directions have been observed performed and kept according to the true intent and Meaning thereof or whether the same have been violated Infringed or Broken and by whom or by whose default and what Damage Hurt and hinderance to the said Plantations and Colonies have thereby ensued and been Occasioned. And upon due Consideration thereof and of all other things needful to try and find out the true State as well in times past as at this present of the said Colonies and Plantations and Either of them in every respect. And of all Incidents and Circumstances hereunto belonging And further we do hereby give unto you or any four or more of you full Power and Authority by such Examinations upon Oath or without Oath or any other wise or means as is aforesaid to Enquire Search Discover and find out what Sum or Sums of Money heretofore at any time have been Levied or Collected either by Contribution of Adventurers Voluntary Gifts or Bequests Lottery Collections Adventurers in Magazines or by any

other ways and means whatsoever for or towards the furtherance of the said Colonies or Plantations or either of them or any the Business or Affairs Concerning the same and to whose hands the same moneys have Come and how and in what Manner and by whom the Same Sum and Sums of Money and every part of them have been Expended or disbursed as they should or ought to have been for the Good of the said Colonies and Plantations and whether any or what part or parts of the said Sum or Sums of money have been converted used or employed to the use of any private Person or Persons or to any other use other than for or towards the necessary use help and furtherance of the said plantations and to whose and to what Use or Uses and what Damages any such Misemployment hath been to the said Plantations and by whom and by whose means consent or Procurement any such misemployment hath been made or done with the Grounds and Causes thereof and all other necessary Circumstances in any wise touching the premises and what is and what in probability of Reason might have been the true Estate & Condition of the said Plantations and either of them at the present time by the proportion of the Expense of so much Money as hath been Levied Collected and Gathered for the Use of the said Plantations and either of them. And further we do hereby give unto you or any four or more of you full Power and Authority by such Examination upon Oath or without Oath or any of the ways and Means aforesaid to Enquire search Discover and find out what Laws Orders and Constructions have been made Contrary to or without Warrant of our Charters and Letters Patents and What Misgovernment Misemployment Abuses Default Negligences Corruptions Deceits and Grievances have been at any time heretofore used or put in practice by any Person or Persons to the Let hinderance or Disturbance of the good Quiet peaceable and Orderly Progression Proceeding or doing of any matter or thing tending to the furtherance of the said Colonies or Plantations or either of them or in the procuring Levying collecting Issuing Disbursing or Employing of any Sums or Sum of Money assigned Limited

appointed Levied or Collected for or to the use or furtherance of the said Colonies and Plantations or either of them. And the Grounds and Causes thereof and what particular Wrongs or Injuries have been done or Offered to all or any of the Adventurers and Planters of the said Colonies or plantations and by what person or persons and by what Warrant or Warrants any of the said misgovernments Misimprovements Abuses Defaults Negligences Corruptions Deceits Frauds Grievances Wrongs or Injuries or any of them have done Committed or prictised & the Grounds and Causes thereof and by and with whose Consent and Procurement and to what End and purpose and for whose benefit and Advantage and of all other matters and things.....to.....the premisses incident or appertaining as to you or any four or more of you shall be thought fit. And also we do hereby Give unto you or any four or more of you full power and Authority by this Examination upon Oath or without Oath as aforesaid and by all or any other the ways and means aforesaid to Enquire Examine and find out all such Matters or things as do or any wise hinder [?] the Let or Delay or hindrance of the said Colonies and Plantations or Either of them or of the Trade Traffick or Commerce with them or either of them by what means the same are Occasioned and of all other Matters concerning the Premises. And further we require and Command and Give full power and Authority unto you or any four or more of you upon deliberate Considerations of the premisses to Enquire find out Consider propound and set down all such Good and Lawfull ways and means to be used & put in practice for the better Managing Governing Ordering Disposing and Establishing of the said Colony or plantations and for Reformation and prevention of all Misgovernments Grievances Abuses Defaults Negligences Corruptions frauds Deceits Wrongs and Injuries hereafter to be done or committed in the Governing Managing Ordering and disposing of the business & Affairs of the said Plantations or Colonies or to be done unto any Adventurers or Planters in the same and for the [blank] punishment of the Offenders and for the Reconciling and taking away all contentions and Differences

and preserving peace and Unity amongst them. And to do all other Acts and things whatsoever which to you or any four or more of you shall be found meet and Convenient Whereby this our Commission may be fully Executed According to the Tenour of the same and our pleasure therein declared and the said Plantations Established to the Ends and purposes before mentioned.

And to the End our said Pleasure herein declared may take the better Effect We do likewise hereby Give unto you or any four or more of you full power and Authority to Cause to come before you or any four or more of you all such Person and persons as you shall think fit to Appear before you for the better discovery of the truth in any the premises and to Cause all & every Person or Persons as well such as are Supposed to have offended in any the premises their Servants or Agents as well and Every Person and Persons being or which have been Clerks or Officers of the said Several Companies or Corporations of Virginia or the Summer Islands and any other Person or Persons whosoever to bring & show before you or any four or more of you as is afesaid all and Singular Such Letters Patents Proclamations Commissions Warrants Records Orders Books Annals Entries or any other Notes or Writings whatsoever remaining in their or any of their Custody which you or four or more of you shall think fit to be produced whereby the truth of the premises may appear the more plainly. And to the End no Person may have just Cause to Complain or be grieved at your Proceedings in this Behalf. Our pleasure is that when and so often as any Examination of any Person or Persons Shall by Virtue of their own Commission be taken upon Oath that then and so often upon request made by the Parties when the same shall concern you or four or more of you may Examine the same or any other person or Persons either upon Oath or Otherwise for the defence of such Person or Persons making such Request. If you or any four or more of you upon due Consideration shall think it Just and fit. And our further Will and Pleasure is and we do hereby charge and command you our said Commissioners or four or more of you to certifie

unto the Lords and others of our Privy Council from time to time your proceedings therein to the End such further Order may be given you therein as shall be fit. And these our Letters patents or Commission or the Inrolment of the same shall be Sufficient Warrant and Discharge for doing and executing of all and Singular the Premisses according to the true intent and Meaning of the Same. And Lastly our Will and Pleasure is that this our Commission shall Continue in force. And we do hereby Authorize you or any four or more of you to proceed in the Execution thereof and of all and every Matter and thing therein Contained from time to time and as often as you or any four or more of you shall think Convenient although the same Commission be not from time to time Continued by Adjournment. In Witness &c. Witness our Self at Westminster this Ninth Day of May in the One and twentieth Year of the Reign of King James over England &c.

P. Bre. de privato Sigillo, &c.

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[LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA TO  
THE VIRGINIA COMPANY, DEC. 2, 1624.]

[Fuller abstract printed in *Virginia Mag. of Hist. and Biog.*,  
VII, 130-131.]

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[LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA TO  
THE PRIVY COUNCIL, JUNE 15, 1625.]

[Fuller abstract printed *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, VII,  
134-136.]

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[LETTERS FROM THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA TO  
THE PRIVY COUNCIL, JUNE 15 AND JANUARY 4, 1625.]

[Abstract printed *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, VII, 134-136.  
The abstract here given of the letter of Jan. 4, does not seem  
to have been printed.]

A Letter before the two last I find in a loose leaf dated 4  
January 1625 pray for Supplies acknowledge the King's



favour in taking off the Imposition of Tobacco and in promising none Complained again should have any hand in the Government here or there also in promising to preserve the Rights of private persons with Addition of reasonable [blank] which will encourage People to fix here & to advance Staple Commodities that they may uphold the price of Tobacco and have with the Summer Islands the Sole import of Tobacco that the West Indies be prohibited that Trade Want more people to War with the Indians and that the Governor and Council may manage them as they see fit, reasons for upholding the price of Tobacco. Governor has long expected a Successor, wants to return.

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[COMMISSION TO GOVERNOR YEARDLEY AND COUNCIL, MARCH  
14, 1625-6.]

[Printed *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XIII, 298-302.]

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[LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL OF VIRGINIA, TO  
THE PRIVY COUNCIL, APRIL 6, 1626.]

[Printed in full, *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XV, 370-373.]

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[INSTRUCTIONS TO GOVERNOR YEARDLEY, APRIL 19, 1626.]

[Printed *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* II, 393-396.]

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[PRIVY COUNCIL TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, SEPTEMBER  
16th, 1626.]

After our hearty Commendations you may perceive by the petition which we send you herewith what Complaint hath been made unto us by George Lisle touching a stock of Cattle left him in Virginia (as he pretendeth) by the Decease of an Uncle of his in that Country the particular consideration whereof we have thought fit hereby to refer unto you the Governor and Council there Willing and requiring you to afford him all lawful favour for the final Recovery of what you shall find rightfully appertaining unto him and by assisting his Attorney in Giving his cause a dispatch with all

Convenient Speed. Whereof not doubting we bid you very heartily farewell from Whitehall 16th of September 1626.

Your Loving Friends

MANDEVILL

THO. COVENTRYE

COKE

[COMMISSION OF YEARDLEY AS GOVERNOR, DURING THE ABSENCE OF WYATT, SEPTEMBER 18, 1625.]

James by the Grace of God King of England France Ireland and Scotland Defender of the Faith &c. To our trusty and well beloved Sir Francis Wyat Knight Francis West Esq'r Sir George Yeardley Knight George Sandys Esq'r Roger Smith Esq'r Ralph Hamor Esq'r John Martin Esq'r John Harvey Esq'r Samuel Mathews Esq'r Abraham Percey Esq'r Isaac Maddison Esq'r and William Clayborn Esq'r Greeting Whereas we by our Commission under our great Seal of England bearing Date the Sixth & twentieth day of August in the two and twentieth Year of our Reign of England France and Ireland and of Scotland the Eight and fiftieth Reposing trust and confidence in the Understanding Care fidelity Experience circumspection of you the said Sir Francis Wyat Francis West Sir George Yeardley George Sandys Roger Smith Ralph Hamor John Martin John Harvey Samuel Mathews Abraham Percey Isaac Maddison and William Clayborn have Nominated and Assigned you the said Francis Wyat to be present Governor and you the said Francis West Sir George Yeardley and the rest mentioned to be our present Council for the first Colony and Plantation in Virginia Giving and Granting unto you and the greater Number of you respectively full power and Authority to perform and execute the places powers and Authorities incident to a Governor and Council in Virginia respectively and to Direct and Govern Correct and punish our Subjects now inhabiting or being or which hereafter shall inhabit or be in Virginia or any the Isles Port Heavens Rivers Creeks or Territories thereof Either in time of Peace or War with divers other Powers Priviledges and Authorities in our said Commission contained As in and

by the same way more at large appear and whereas we have been credibly informed since our said Commission Granted that George Wyat Esq'r, Father of the said Sir Francis Wyat is deceased in our Realm of Ireland by Occasion whereof happily the said Sir Francis Wyat may desire to return to England about his own private Occasions which we notwithstanding the great and weighty Importance of our Affairs in that Country are graciously inclined to yield unto if he himself shall so desire and his Occasion so require. And yet for that in the Absence of the said Sir Francis Wyat (if no Governor should be appointed by us) many Inconveniences may happen which in a business of such Consequence are necessarily to be provided for Know ye that we in our princely Care and providence respecting and tendering the good of the said Colony and Plantation there have given and granted and by these presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do Give and Grant unto the said Sir Francis Wyat full and free Liberty Licence power and Authority at his own Will and Pleasure when he shall think fit to return and take his Voyage for towards and into our Realm of England for the performance and Execution of his own private Affairs. Any command power Direction or Authority in our said recited Commissions to the Contrary thereof in any wise Notwithstanding. And to the End that the Service in our said Commission Expressed may not in the mean time be Neglected nor or Care and desire in that behalf frustrated Our Will and pleasure is and we do Nominate and appoint you the said Sir George Yeardley in the Absence of the said Sir Francis Wyat or upon his Death if it should so happen to be the present Governor and you the said Francis West and the rest in the said former Commission mentioned to be our present Council of and for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia Giving and by these presents Granting unto you and the Greater Number of you respectively Power and Authority to perform and Execute the powers Places and Authorities incident to a Governor and Council in Virginia respectively according to the Tenour Effect and true meaning of our said former recited Commission in that Behalf to them and you Directed. And if it shall

happen the said Sir George Yeardley to die Then our Will and pleasure is and we do Nominate and Assign you the said John Harvey to be our present Governor and you the said Francis West and the rest of our said former Commissioners to be our present Council for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia Giving and Granting unto you and the greater Number of you full power and Authority respectively to perform and Execute the places powers and Authorities of a Governor and Council in Virginia respectively as aforesaid. And if it shall happen the said John Harvey likewise to die. Then our Will & Pleasure is and we do by these Presents Give and Grant unto you the said Francis West and the rest of our Council before named and the greater Number of you full Power and Authority in the Absence of the said John Harvey, to Elect nominate and Assign one of our Council aforesaid to be the said present Governor for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia and so to do from time to time as often as the Case shall so require. And we do by these presents nominate and Assign such Person by you from time to time so to be Elected and Chosen to be the present Governor and you the rest of our said Council to be the present Council for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia. And Granting unto You and the greater Number of you respectively full Power and Authority to Execute and perform the Places Powers and Authorities of a Governor & Council for Virginia respectively in manner and form aforesaid. Provided Nevertheless that this our present Commission and Declaration nor any therein Contained Shall not in any sort Prejudice disannul or make void our said former Commission to you in this Behalf directed as aforesaid. And Lastly our Will and Pleasure is that this our present Commission and Declaration shall continue in force until such time as we by some other Writing under our Signet Privy Seal or Great Seal shall Signify our Pleasure to the Contrary In Witness whereof &c. Witness our Self at Westminster the Eighteenth day of Septemb'r in the two and twentieth Year of our reign over England &c.

P. Bre. de privato Sigillo, &c.

[NOTES FROM VIRGINIA RECORDS, 1626.]

Sturgeon fishery here cost Adventurers 1700£ but no Account of their Profit begun and continued 5 Years appears by Letter 20th August 1626 from Privy Council.

The King offended at their sending Tobacco to the Low Countries to diminution of his profit.

A Commission to Nathaniel Bass<sup>2</sup> and 3 others to try all Causes in a Plantation except Capital Offences.

None to go out but in parties, nor go to Work without a Centinel Watch to be kept at Night throughout not to spend Powder in drinking by Proclamation 26 August 1626.

Divers Commissions to trade and for Captains.

Capt Nathaniel Bass to ransom Englishmen prisonners to the Nansemun Indians.

Divers Commissions to go against the Indians.

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[LETTER FROM THE PRIVY COUNCIL, MAY 10, 16-17.]

A Letter from the Privy Council that the King will confirm the same Interests &c as before recalling the Patents and that the Governor dispose the Land to all free Planters as before 1625 Recommends Capt. Button and orders him some Land at Appomatox in proportion to his Servants May 10th 1627.

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[LETTER FROM SIR ROBERT HEATH.]

[Fuller abstract printed *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XVI, 35-36.]

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[LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL, April 5, 1627.]

A Letter to Privy Council excusing their Exporting Tobacco to the Low Countries the Owners of the Ship being

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<sup>2</sup> Captain Nathaniel Bass, who came to Virginia in 1622, was one of the principal men in "the Isle of Wight's Plantation," more generally known by the Indian name of Warrosquoiacke, and later Isle of Wight county. See this Magazine, II, 68.

Adventurers of the Virginia Company and we had no orders about those matters for the future. Bonds shall be taken to deliver all Tobacco in England that it is reported that Mr. Amis and others Sollicit the King for a Contract upon our Tobacco and for permission to bring in Yearly 50000 lb of Spanish Tobacco which will intirely ruin this Plantation and therefore humbly Supplicate the Council that such things may not be Granted by his Majesty April 5th 1627.

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[LETTER FROM THE KING TO GOVERNOR YEARDLEY, AUGUST 24, 1627.]

[Fuller abstract printed *Va. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* XVI, 34, 35, but incorrectly dated in November, by Mr. Sainsbury.]

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[COMMISSION OF GOVERNOR JOHN HARVEY AND COUNCIL, MARCH 26, 1627-8.]

Charles by the Grace of God &c. To our Trusty & well beloved John Harvey Esq'r Francis West Esq'r George Sandys Esq'r John Pott Doctor of Physick Roger Smith Esq'r Ralph Hamor Esq'r Samuel Mathews Esq'r William Clayborn Esq'r William Tucker Esq'r Jabes Whitakers Esq'r Edward Blaney Esq'r and William Farrar Esq'r Greeting. Whereas our Late Dear and Royal Father King James of happy Memory deceased, by his Commission under his great Seal of England bearing date the Six and twentieth day of August in the two and twentieth Year of his Reign of England France and Ireland and of Scotland the Eight and fiftieth for the better Governing Ordering and Managing of the Affairs of the Colony and Plantation in Virginia and of the persons then and there inhabiting and that hereafter should be and inhabit and Settle there untill some constant and Settled Course might be resolved of and Established by himself did Nominate and Assign Sir Francis Wyat Knight to be the then present Governor and Sir George Yeardley Knight and you the said Francis West and divers others in the said Commission particularly named to be the present Council of and for the said Colony and Plantation for Virginia with divers Priviledges

and Authorities in the said Commission Expressed and Set down as in and by the same way more at Large appear. And whereas our said Late Royal Father upon information that George Wyat Esq'r Father of the said Sir Francis Wyat was then lately deceased in the Realm of Ireland by Occasion whereof happily the said Sir Francis Wyat might desire to return to England about his own private occasions which our said Father notwithstanding the great and weighty importance of his Affairs in that Country was graciously pleased to Yield unto if himself should so require and his Occasions should so require. And yet for that in the absence of the said Sir Francis Wyat (if no other Governor should be appointed by him) many inconveniences might happen which in a Business of such Consequence were necessary to be provided for By another Commission under his great Seal of England bearing Date the Eighteenth day of September in the said two and twentieth Year of his Highness's Reign of England France and Ireland and of Scotland the Eight and fiftieth did give and Grant unto the said Sir Francis Wyat free Liberty Licence and Authority of his own Will and pleasure when he should so think fit to return and take his Voyage for toward and into this Realm of England for the performance and Execution of his own private Affairs. And to the End that the service in the first recited Commission Express'd might not in the mean time be neglected our said Late Father's Will and Pleasure was and he did by the said last mentioned Commission Nominate and appoint Sir George Yeardley Knight (since Deceased) in the Absence of the said Sir Francis Wyat or upon his Death (if it should so happen) to be the then present Governor and you the said Francis West and the rest in the said former Commission mentioned to be the then present Council of and for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia Giving and by the said Latter Commission Granting unto you and them or the Greater Number of you and them respectively full Power and Authority to Execute and perform the places Powers and Authorities incident to a Governor and Council respectively according to the Tenor Effect and true meaning of the said former recited Commis-

sion in that behalf to them and you directed together with divers other Priviledges and Authorities in the said last mentioned Commission expressed. As in and by the same way more at Large appear . And whereas we taking into our princely consideration the Care and Providence of our said Late Dear and Royal Father and having respect to the Good of that Plantation so happily begun which we conceived to be a Business of that Consequence which we ought to encourage and by all Good means to bring to perfection We being forced by many other Occasions (in Respect to our then late Access to the Crown) to continue the same means that formerly was thought fit for the maintenance of the said Colony and plantation until we should find some more Convenient means upon mature advice to give more ample directions for the same. Did by our Commission under the Great Seal of England bearing Date the fourteenth day of March in the first Year of our Reign nominate and Assign the said Sir George Yeardley to be the then present Governor and you the said John Harvey and the rest aforementioned to be the then present Council of and for the said Colony and Plantation Giving and Granting by our said Commission unto the said Sir George Yeardley & you and the Greater Number You respectively full Power and Authority to perform and Execute the places Powers and Authorities incident to a Governor and Council of Virginia respectively. And whereas by our said Commission we did declare our will and pleasure to be that if it should happen the said Sir George Yeardley to die then we did by our said Commission nominate and appoint you the said John Harvey upon the Death of the said Sir George Yeardley to be our then present Governor and you the said Francis West and the rest of our Commissioners to be our then present Council for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia Giving and Granting unto you and the Greater Number of you respectively full power and Authority to Execute the Places powers and Authorities incident to a Governor and Council for Virginia respectively as aforesaid With divers other Powers Priviledges and Authorities in our said Commission mentioned and Expressed. As in and by



the same way more at Large Appear. And whereas the said Sir George Yeardley is Lately deceased Know ye therefore that we in accomplishment of our former Intention Expressed in our said Commission and being Willing and careful by all Good means to further and Advance the said Plantation And to bring the same to perfection and to Continue the same Course and means which was formerly thought fit for the maintenance and Government of the said Colony and plantation until we shall find some more convenient means upon mature advice to give more ample directions for the same and reposing assured Trust and Confidence in the Understanding Care fidelity Experience and Circumspection of you the said John Harvey Francis West George Sandys John Pot Roger Smith Ralph Hamor Samuel Matthews Abraham Percy William Clayborn William Tucker Jabes Whitakers Edward Blaney and William Farrar have nominated and Assigned you the said John Harvey to be the Present Governor and you the said John Harvey & the rest aforementioned to be the present Council of and for the Colony and Plantation in Virginia, Giving and by these presents granting unto you and the greater Number of you respectively full power and Authority to execute and perform the Places Powers and Authorities incident to a Governor and Council of Virginia respectively according to the Tenour Effect and true meaning of the said former recited Commission in that respect to them and to directed and Govern Correct and punish our Subjects now inhabiting or being or which hereafter shall inhabit or be in Virginia or in the Isles Ports havens Creeks or Territories thereof Either in time of Peace or War and to direct and order the Affairs touching or concerning the Colony or plantation in those forreign Parts only and to Execute and perform all and Every other matters and things concerning that Plantation as fully and amply as any Governor and Council resident there at any time within the space of three Years last past had or might perform or Execute. And because by the discovery of Industrious and well Experienced Men the Limits and Bounds of the said Plantation might be Augmented and the trade and Commerce for the maintenance of

the Inhabitants there from time to time.....residing much Advanced. Our Will and Pleasure is and we do by these presents give and Grant unto you the said John Harvey and the rest of you herein before mentioned or any form or more of you (whereof the Governor for the time being to be always one) full Power and Authority to grant one or more Commission or Commissions unto any our Subjects thereunto addressing themselves for the Discovery of the same Country and Ports Bounds Limits and Extent thereof and also for the finding out what Trades shall be most necessary to be undertaken for the benefit and advantage of the said Colony and Plantation and the good of the people inhabiting or which shall inhabit there, both by Sea and Land. And further upon all Occasions as you or any four or more of you (whereof the Governor for the time being to be always one) shall see fit to send out forces for the Subdueing of the Indians Savages of the said Country and Likewise to make War and Peace with them in all such Cases as may stand with the Safety of the said Colony and our honour keeping always Sufficient forces to keep the places there now enjoyed. And if it shall happen the said John Harvey to dye or in Case the said Urgent Occasions (allowed by four or more of our Council there) shall call him thence at any time then our will and Pleasure is and we do by these presents give and grant unto you the said Francis West and the rest of the Commissioners before named and the greater Number of you full power and authority upon the Death or in the absence of the said John Harvey to Elect nominate and Assign one of our Council aforesaid to be the present Governor for the said Colony and Plantation in Virginia. And so to do from time to time as often as the Case shall so require. And we do by these presents Nominate and Assign such person by you and the greater Number of you so from time to time Elected and Chosen to be the present Governor and you the rest of our said Commissioners to be our Present Council for the said Colony and Plantation for Virginia Giving and by these presents granting unto you and the greater Number

respectively full power and Authority to Execute and perform all the places Powers and Authorities of a Governor and Council for Virginia respectively in manner and form aforesaid. Nevertheless our Will and pleasure is that you and every of you proceed herein according to the Instructions you shall hereafter receive from us or the Lords and others of our Privy Council here Provided always and our Express will and Pleasure and Commandment is and we do hereby give full Power and Authority unto you the said John Harvey and such other Person as shall be Governor there for the time being According to the true meaning of these presents and our Intention and meaning herein before declared that upon the Death or Discontinuance of any of our Council there You the said John Harvey and such other Person as shall be Governor for the time being shall Elect nominate and Appoint such other Sufficient able and Discreet Person or Persons in the Rooms or Place of him or them so dying or discontinuing During the Continuance of this our Commission And that you shall from time to time return and Certify the Names and Qualities of such Person or Persons so by you to be nominated and appointed in the Room and Place of such of our Council there so dying or Discontinuing as aforesaid Unto the Lords and others of our Privy Council here to the End that such Person or Persons so to be by you nominated and appointed in manner aforesaid may receive full approbation and allowance of such their Election and Choice in the Room and Place of such of our Council there as is aforesaid. And our further Will and pleasure is and do hereby Give full power and authority unto and do also will Require and Command that you the said John Harvey and Francis West or Either of you who have already been of the Council in those parts for the Plantation there And have already taken your Oaths before our Privy Council in England shall administer unto the said George Sandys John Pott Roger Smith Ralph Hamor Samuel Mathews Abraham Percey William Clayborn William Tucker Jabes Whitakers Edward Blaney and William Farrar and every of them

the like Oath upon the Holy Evangelists as Ye or Either of you have already taken as Councelor of and for the said Colony and Plantation Willing and requiring you to be diligent and attendant in the Execution of this our Service and Commandment And also Requiring all our loving Subjects there to be directed and Governed by you or the Greater Number in all things according to the Intention and true meaning of these presenth And for as much as the Affairs of State of the said Colony and Plantation may necessarily require some person of trust and Quality to be employed as Secretary for the Writing and answering such Letters as shall be directed to or sent from the said Governor and Council of the Colony aforesaid, Our Will and Pleasure is and we do by these presents Nominate and Assign you the said William Clayborn To be our Secretary of State for the said Colony and Plantation of Virginia Residing in those parts Giving and by these presents Granting unto you the said William Clayborn full Power and Authority to do Execute and Perform all and every thing and things unto the said Office of Secretary of State for the said Collony and Plantation in Virginia incident and appertaining and Lastly our Will and Pleasure is that this our Commission shall continue in force until such time as we by some other Writing under our Signet Privy Seal and Great Seal of England shall Signify our Pleasure to the Contrary In Witness whereof &c. Witness Our Self at Westminster the Six and twentieth day of March Anno Regni Regis Caroli Tertio.

P. Bre. de privato Sigillo, &c.

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